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SUBJECT: TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR MACHINERY TO DISCUSS
OUTSTANDING GREEK-TURKISH ISSUES.

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR GURUN SENT AMBASSADOR TEXT OF GOT
PROPOSAL WHICH GOT PRIME MINISTER GAVE PM ANDROUTSOPOULOS
AT BRUSSELS LAST WEEK AND WHICH GOG REJECTED, ALONG WITH
PROPOSED JOINT RELEASE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QTE. THE PRIME MINISTERS OF TURKEY AND GREECE,
HAVING MET IN BRUSSELS ON JUNE 26, 1974, HAVE
AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

(1) A MIXED TURCO-GREEK COMMISSION UNDER THE
PRESIDENCY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES
HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

(2) THIS COMMISSION WILL MEET AT REGULAR INTERVALS
AT PLACES TO BE DECIDED EACH TIME BY COMMON CONSENT
AND WILL HAVE THE TASK OF PREPARING FOR SIGNATURE
BY THE PRIME MINISTERS OF ALL DOCUMENTS AND ACTS
AIMING AT RECREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF SINCERE FRIEND-
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SHIP THROUGH THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CLOSE COOPERATION

BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE POLITICAL AS WELL AS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELDS.

(3) THE COMMISSION IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ITS TASK WILL CONSTITUTE TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEES WHICH WILL SEEK TO FIND DEFINITIVE SOLUTIONS TO CERTAIN SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OR SETS OF QUESTIONS.

(4) THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS WILL MEET WHEN NECESSARY TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE COMMISSION TOWARD THE FULFILMENT OF ITS TASK AND WILL GIVE IT, IF NEED BE, THE INSTRUCTIONS THEY DEEM NECESSARY.

(5) THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE FIRST OF THESE MEETINGS WILL BE FIXED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

DONE IN BRUSSELS ON THE TWENTY-SIXTH JUNE 1974
IN TWO COPIES IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

THE MIXED TURCO-GREEK COMMISSION CREATED BY THE AGREEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES HELD ITS FIRST MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON JUNE 26, 1974 IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTERS AND ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

(1) IN ORDER TO REALIZE AN EFFECTIVE AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS, POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC, BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE COMMISSION, WHILE PREPARING THE AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL CONSTITUTE THE BASIS OF SUCH A COOPERQTION, WILL ALSO PROCEED TO THE THE SETTLEMENT OF ALL MATTERS IN DISPUTE PRESENTLY EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

(2) SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF INCLUSION, IF NEED BE, OF OTHER ITEMS TO BE AGREED UPON, THE PROBLEMS TO BE SETTLED, AS MENTIONED IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTE VERBALS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON MAY 6, 1974, MAY 28, 1974, MAY 31, 1974 AND JUNE 10, 1974 RESPECTIVELY ARE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ALL QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE TURKISH AND GREEK MINORITIES IN GREECE AND IN TURKEY.

(B) ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE AEGEAN SEA.

(C) ALL OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE 'ASSAINISSEMENT'# OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

(3) TWO MIXED SUB-COMMITTEES, ENTRUSTED RESPECTIVELY
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WITH THE QUESTIONS INDICATED IN SUB-PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

QUESTIONS FALLING UNDER SUB-PARAGRAPH (C) WILL BE DISCUSSED DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE EMBASSIES IN ANKARA AND IN ATHENS.

(4) THE SUB-COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE MINORITY PROBLEMS WILL BEGIN TO WORK ON (BLANK DATE IN TEXT HERE)

IN ANKARA.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE DEALING WITH THE QUESTION REGARDING THE AEGEAN SEA WILL START ITS PRELIMINARY WORK IN CARACAS DURING AND 'EN MARGE' OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA AND WILL RESUME ITS DELIBERATIONS IN ATHENS AS SOON AS THE CONFERENCE IN CARACAS ADJOURNS.

THE TALKS BETWEEN THE CHANCERIES WILL GET UNDER WAY IMMEDIATELY.

(5) THE FIRST RESULT OF THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES WILL BE REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION AT ITS FIRST MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER 1974 IN BRUSSELS.

(6) IN THE LIGHT OF THE INITIAL RESULTS, THE COMMISSION WILL TAKE A DECISION CONCERNING AN APPROXIMATIVE DEAD-LINE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES.

(7) THE DRAFT AGREEMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEES OR BY THE CHANCERIES WILL BE FINALIZED BY THE COMMISSION AND TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER ACT WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN THE MEANTIME AIMING AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BASIS OF COOPERATION AS AGREED UPON BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, WILL CONSTITUTE AN INTEGRATED WHOLE, TO BE SIGNED BY THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

(8) THE MIXED COMMISSION WILL ALSO PROCEED DURING EACH OF ITS MEETINGS TO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS.

DONE IN BRUSSELS ON 26 JUNE 1974 IN TWO COPIES IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. END QTE.

2. COMMENT: CAREFUL READING INDICATES TURKISH PROPOSAL IS NOT AS OBJECTIVE AS IT APPEARS INITIALLY. IN PARTICULAR, TASK ASSIGNED TO SUB-COMMITTEE ON AEGEAN SEA IS CONFIDENTIAL

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DIRECTLY IDENTIFIED WITH WORK OF ON-GOING LAW OF THE SEA CARACAS CONFERENCE IN TERMS THAT LEAVE OPEN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT GOG CONTINUES TO ASSERT WERE SETTLED IN 1958 CONVENTION. MOREOVER, TURKISH PROPOSAL SEEMS TO REST ON IMPLICIT UNDERSTANDING THAT NEITHER GOVERNMENT WILL MOVE INDEPENDENTLY ON ANY OF SUBJECTS WHICH NEW MACHINERY WOULD ADDRESS PENDING OUTCOME OF SUB-COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ACTION AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL THEREAFTER. SO FAR AS MIXED COMMISSION DEALING WITH QUESTION OF CYPRUS IS CONCERNED, THIS APPEARS TO DO NO MORE THAN INSTITUTIONALIZE PREVAILING ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON CYPRUS WHENEVER ANY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER.

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